



# MYSTERY of the BOULE CABINET

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"Parks," I said suddenly, "I'm going to ask you a question. You know that Mr. Vantine was a friend of mine, and I thought a great deal of him. Now, what with this story Rogers tells and one or two other things, there is talk of a woman. Is there any foundation for talk of that kind?"

"No, sir," said Parks emphatically. "I've been Mr. Vantine's valet for eight years and more, and in all that time he has never been mixed up with a woman in any shape or form. I always fancied he'd loved a lady who died."

"Thank you, Parks," I said with a sigh of relief. "I've been through so much today that I feel I couldn't endure that. And now?"

"Beg pardon, sir," said a voice at my elbow. "We have everything ready, sir."

I turned with a start to see a little, clean shaven man.

"The undertaker's assistant, sir," explained Parks, seeing my look of astonishment. "He came while you and Mr. Godfrey were in the music room."

"Where shall we put the body, sir?" asked the man.

"Why not leave it where it is?" I asked impatiently.

"Very good, sir," said he, and presently the undertaker and his assistant took themselves off, to my intense relief.

"And now, Parks," I began, "there is something I want to say to you. Let go somewhere and sit down."

"Suppose we go up to the study, sir. You're looking regularly done up, if you'll permit me to say so, sir."

A few minutes later we were sitting opposite each other in the room where Vantine and I had sat not many hours before. I liked Parks, and I felt he could be trusted. At any rate, I had to take the risk.

"Now, Parks," I began again, "what I have to say to you is very serious, and I want you to keep it to yourself. I know that you were devoted to Mr. Vantine. I may as well tell you that he has remembered you in his will. I am sure you are willing to do anything in your power to help solve the mystery of his death. I have a sort of idea how his death came about. The mystery, whatever it is, is in the ante-room where the bodies were found or in the room next to it where the furniture is. Now, I am going to look up those rooms, and I want you to see that nobody enters them without your knowledge."

"Not very likely that anybody will want to enter them, sir," and Parks laughed a grim little laugh.

"I am not so sure of that," I dissented, speaking very seriously. "In fact, I am of the opinion that there is somebody who wants to enter those rooms very badly. I am going to make it your business to keep him out and to capture him if you catch him trying to get in."

"Trust me for that, sir," said Parks promptly. "What is it you want me to do?"

"I want you to put a cot in the hallway outside the door of the ante-room and sleep there tonight. Tomorrow I will decide what further precautions are necessary."

"Very good, sir," said Parks. "I'll get the cot up at once."

"There is one thing more," I went on. "I have given the coroner my personal assurance that none of the servants will leave the house until after the inquest. I suppose I can rely on them?"

"Oh, yes, sir. I'll see they understand how important it is."

"Rogers, especially," I added, looking at him.

"I understand, sir," said Parks.

"Very well. And now let us go down and look up those rooms."

They were still ablaze with light, but both of us faltered a little. I think, on the threshold of the ante-room, for in the middle of the floor stood a stretcher, and on it was an object covered with a sheet. Its outlines horribly suggestive. But I took myself to hand and entered. Parks followed me and closed the door.

The ante-room had two windows, and the room beyond, which was a corner one, had three. All of them were locked, but a pane of glass seemed to me an absurdly fragile barrier against any one who really wished to enter.

"Aren't there some wooden shutters for those windows?" I asked.

"Yes, sir; they were taken down yesterday and put in the basement. Shall I get them?"

"I think you'd better," I said. "Will you need any help?"

"No, sir; they're not heavy. If you'll wait here, you can snap the bolts into place when I lift them up from the outside."

"Very well," I agreed, and Parks hurried away.

I entered the inner room and stopped before the Boule cabinet. There was a certain air of arrogance about it, as it stood there in that blaze of light; something threatening, too, something sinister and deadly—

To Be Continued

## PETITIONS FILED FOR TWO NEW LAWS

### PROPOSED MEASURES CALL FOR DAILY JOURNAL OF LEGISLA- TURE AND BUILDING USE

PHOENIX, March 19.—Initiative petitions for two more proposed laws that will be submitted to the voters at the November election have been filed with Secretary of State Sidney Osborn by Thorwald Larson, an attorney of Holbrook, Navajo county.

One of the measures provides that school buildings and courtrooms shall be open for public meetings at any time they are not being actually used for their intended purposes. The other requires that a daily journal of the proceedings of the legislature, including the full text of all bills and amendments, shall be turned over to the secretary of state, who shall have them printed for free distribution. Copies shall be sent to all state, county, district and municipal officers and to all other persons who request them.

Additional petitions for the initiation of the Kinney labor bill have been reached by the secretary. They were circulated by Richard Kain of Greenlee county and by W. I. Johnson and Percy V. Caldwell of Yavapai. There are 412 names signed to these petitions. Those previously filed carried 127 names.

## ARIZONA DELEGATES TO DENVER CHOSEN

PHOENIX, March 19.—At the request of the secretary of the interior, Governor Hunt has appointed fourteen delegates to represent Arizona at the special conference on irrigation,

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to be held in Denver beginning April 9. The delegates are, Andrew Kimball, Thatcher; M. J. Dougherty, Mesa; George P. Brown, Buckeye; George Michelson, Dr. J. A. Ketcherside, P. E. Elliott, Yuma; Alfred C. Siebolt, Florence; Charles F. Bennett, Casa Grande; J. H. Flanagan, Parker; John Orme, B. A. Fowler, C. B. Wood, Murod Winsor, W. A. Moody, Phoenix. Mr. Moody and Mr. Winsor are members of the state land commission and will certainly attend. Mr. Orme, who is president of the Salt River Valley Water Users' association, will also make the trip to Denver. As matters of great importance to Arizona are to be discussed, it is expected that practically all the delegates appointed will be on hand to participate.

In all probability the Governor will himself attend the irrigation conference. He is planning to be at the conference of western governors, in Denver April 7 and 8, and will stay till the irrigators have concluded their deliberations.

### Legal Notices

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Superior Court, in the County of Cochise, State of Arizona. Estate of James Henry Jack, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Ella F. Jack, executrix of the last will and testament of James Henry Jack, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within ten months after the first publication of this notice to the said executrix at the office of Fred Butler on Main street in the city of Bisbee, Cochise county, Arizona, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in said County of Cochise.

ELLA F. JACK,  
Executrix of James Henry Jack, deceased.

Dated this 19th day of February, 1914.  
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#### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,  
U. S. Land Office at Phoenix, Arizona.  
Feb. 28, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given that Herman A. Hills, one of the heirs at law of Mona A. Hills, deceased, late of Douglas, Arizona, who, on July 24th, 1907, made Homestead entry No. 63747, for SW 1-4, Section 35, Township 23S, Range 26E, G. & S. R. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make five year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. D. Taylor, U. S. Commissioner, at Bisbee, Arizona, on the 11th day of April, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
Sarah Marley,  
George F. King,  
Beni F. Bedford,  
William E. Wallace, all of Douglas, Arizona.

THOMAS F. WEEDIN,  
Register.

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NOTICE is hereby given that Edward O. Lewis, of Garces, Arizona, who, on February 1st, 1913, made Homestead entry No. 021068, for SE 1-4, Section 21, Township 23S, Range 21E, G. & S. R. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. D. Taylor, U. S. Commissioner, at Bisbee, Arizona, on the 8th day of April, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
Allen H. Mann,  
George W. Allwood,  
Hugh Fletcher,  
George H. Shirley, all of Hereford, Arizona.

THOMAS F. WEEDIN,  
Register.

#### IN THE JUSTICE COURT.

No. 2 Precinct, County of Cochise, State of Arizona.

W. B. Cleary, Plaintiff, vs. Joseph Oliver, Defendant: Summons. Action brought in the Justice Court of No. 2 Precinct, in and for the County of Cochise, in the State of Arizona.

In the name of the State of Arizona, to Joseph Oliver, defendant, greeting: You are hereby summoned and required to appear in an action brought against you by the above named Plaintiff in the Justice Court of No. 2 Precinct, in and for the County of Cochise, in the State of Arizona, and answer to the complaint filed in said Justice court at Bisbee, in said County, within five days exclusive of the day of service, after the service upon you of this Summons, if served within this Precinct; but if served without this Precinct, but within the County, ten days; if served out of the County, fifteen days; in all other cases, twenty days,

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U. S. Land Office at Phoenix, Arizona.  
Feb. 28, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given that Richard M. Johnson, of Garces, Arizona, who, on March 11th, 1907, made Homestead entry, No. 02942, for N 1-2 NW 1-4, Sec. 20; S 1-2 SW 1-4, Section 17, Township 23S, Range 21E, G. & S. R. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make five year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. D. Taylor, U. S. Commissioner, at Bisbee, Arizona, on the 10th day of April, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
George J. McCabe,  
Joseph Hammer,  
Richard K. Haverly,  
Joseph S. Palmerlee, all of Garces, Arizona.

THOMAS F. WEEDIN,  
Register.

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U. S. Land Office at Phoenix, Arizona.  
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NOTICE is hereby given that Wiley G. Babb, of McNeal, Arizona, who, on November 22nd, 1910, made Homestead entry No. 012670, for NE 1-4, Section 14, Township 21S, Range 26E, G. & S. R. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. D. Taylor, U. S. Commissioner, at Bisbee, Arizona, on the 7th day of April, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
Miles McNeal,  
George J. Jones,  
John E. Lane,  
J. E. Dannelly, all of McNeal, Arizona.

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NOTICE is hereby given that Jesse L. Horton, of Hereford, Arizona, who, on January 18th, 1912, made Homestead entry No. 015394, for NE 1-4, Section 6, Township 24S, Range 22E, G. & S. R. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. D. Taylor, U. S. Commissioner, at Bisbee, Arizona, on the 10th day of April, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
John H. Hughes,  
John Clinton,  
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